

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 860
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Senator Jeff Miller on his meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jeff Miller is one such distinguished public servant whose illustrious career in the Senate will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 2006 Session of the 104th General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, Senator Miller has been a highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of the 9th Senate District, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Senate District 9 evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Jeff Miller by electing him as their representative to the Tennessee Senate, a position in which he has performed admirably; and

WHEREAS, during his term in the Senate, he has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, born on November 9, 1962, in Cleveland, Tennessee, Jeff Miller graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1985 with a bachelor's degree, and he earned his juris doctor degree in 1987 from the University of Tennessee College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jeff Miller is a dynamic and active participant in the legislative process and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for his outstanding

contributions and service during the 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd and 104th General Assemblies; he has astutely served as a member of the Senate State and Local Government Committee; Senate Finance, Ways, and Means Committee; Senate Judiciary Committee; Joint Workers Comp Committee; and is a past Republican Caucus Chairman; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges, of leadership and citizenship, Jeff Miller has served as a member of many community, civic, and charitable organizations, including his participation on the Board of Directors for Bradley and McMinn counties Junior Achievement and for Ocoee Region Canoe and Kayak Association (ORCKA); he is a distinguished past president of the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland, and a member of United Way of Cleveland and Bradley counties, Bradley-West Polk Chapter of March of Dimes, and Life Challenge of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, a talented, astute, and productive attorney, Jeff Miller operates his own general practice in Cleveland, Tennessee when the legislature is not in session; and

WHEREAS, his many civic and professional accomplishments aside, Jeff Miller is the proud father of three daughters, Andra ("Andi"), Brynnan, and Carly; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Jeff Miller is a member of the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, which he has faithfully served for many years; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Miller's retirement from the General Assembly will leave a void that will not easily be filled, and his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of the 9th Senate District; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our respected friend and colleague, Senator Jeff Miller; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that that we hereby honor Senator Jeff Miller on his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly, commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of the 9th Senate District, and extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.